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President's Report

By David Zemer

This past quarter has been a busy one for the CZSG so I will only briefly mention some of our activities during this period.

Meetings

I was fortunate in being able to attend another CZSG meeting at WESTPEX, this time near the San Francisco Airport. As in the past, the two hours that we had for our meeting went by too fast and Dick Salz had to call an end to our show-and-tell because another group was ready to use our meeting room. Alan Benz had the same problem at the **Philatelic Show 2005** in Boxborough, MA – two hours were not enough time. As these meetings only had a small percentage of our 750 members in attendance I wondered how long we will need at **Washington 2006?**

The third CZSG meeting this quarter, **PIPEX 2005** near Portland, Oregon hasn't taken place as I write this report in the last week in May, but I am sure that it too will be successful. We will return there for a major meeting June 9-12 of 2007 when the APS has **StampShow 2007** at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland.

The next meeting on our 2005 schedule will be at the APS StampShow 2005 the first week in August in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The annual APS Summer Stamp-Shows are the biggest in the USA each year and we expect to see many of our members at this show. The APS promise that 150 dealers will be there so bring your checkbooks and credit

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Canal Zone Airborne Units OF WWII

By: Wayne L Worthington*,
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In the years between the two World Wars, members of the United States military attended a number of European military exercises, observing technology advances in airborne forces operations. These exercises included airlanded, glider and parachute units. The observers would return to Georgia where the United States was conducting its own experiments that would lead to organizations, policies and doctrines related to the formation of American airborne elements.

As with any other organizational change, the formation of airborne units created a control battle between the Army Ground Forces Headquarters and the new Army Air Corps (AAC). The AAC argued they should manage all forces delivered by air. In this case, the Ground Forces prevailed and retained control since all airborne units would fight as infantry once delivered to a landing zone.

When discussing World War II military information, it is important not to assume that current military con-

cepts and terminology remain the same over the years. In this article for example, the term "airborne forces" in WWII was as new as the concepts of air delivery, vertical insertion or many air operations terms themselves. Using WWII definitions all US Army personnel today would be considered airborne forces because battlefield air mobility, air lift for force projection on a global basis or helicopter operations could not be foreseen. It would be hard to find a modern soldier who has not been air-lifted and one would be hard pressed to identify a soldier who has not moved by helicopter.

Prior to US entry into WWII, Germany's exercises and later blitzes of European neighbors in May 1940 using armored and airborne combinations of forces spurred the US decisions about the airborne. On 16 September 1940, the 501st Parachute Infantry Battalion (PIB) was formed as the first American parachute unit and began training at Ft Benning, Georgia. Because of a lack of airborne-configured transport aircraft (priority was for fighter and bomber planes) the 501st remained the only airborne unit for over a year. A Company of

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cards. John Smith, our secretary will head the meeting and he looks forward to meeting old friends and those members that he only knows from the membership roster.

National Postal Museum – Canal Zone Postal System Archives

The last week in May Tom Brougham and Joe Foley are scheduled to be at the National Postal Museum in Washington D.C, where they will spend four days reviewing the material from the Canal Zone Postal Service. A future *Canal Zone Philatelist* should have their first report on these archives that have sat in storage since 1979.

CZSG Bylaws Revision

The Board of Directors has responded to Tom Brougham's request to make it easier for him and the Mail Sale Managers that follow him to open a bank account to handle the Annual Mail Sale. Since 9/11 banks have been tightening requirements for the opening of accounts and he was unable to open one in the name of the CZSG last year for the 2004 Mail Sale. Having the account in the name of the CZSG could be invaluable if something were to happen to the Sale Manager before a sale was closed. The Board of Directors has approved the changes and we encourage our members to approve them during the election of officers in 2006.

Panama Canal Museum – Seminole, Florida

Thanks to member Tom Peterson, we have added the Library at the Panama Canal Museum to our list of organizations that receive the CZP each quarter. They in turn have added a link to our website on their "Panama Canal Related Links".

If any of our members wish to donate early *Canal Zone Philatelists* or other CZ related books to the library at the museum they would appreciate it. Their address is 7985 113th St, Suite 100, Seminole, FL 33772-4712. (727)-394-9338, email address is pankee@aol.com, and website is www.panamacanalmuseum.org.

WESTPEX 2005 Meeting

The annual CZSG meeting at WESTPEX in San Francisco was held on Sat. April 16 within the modern Marriott Hotel a mile from San Francisco International Airport.

A lively grouping which exceeded our 1½ hour scheduled assembly time was attended by 15 people. See the photo in this issue for all the old, familiar faces.

Among the topics discussed, CZSG President David Zemer is working on an update of the CZSG Bylaws, a primary improvement in which is intended to make it easier for one individual to conduct the CZSG Mail Sale while also handling the banking and legal complexities.

Scott's Catalogue editor Jim Kloetzel was present and reported on

the various improvements made therein, including the addition of color. There appears to be quite a good chance that the 2006 *Scott's Specialized* will include the Canal Zone Specimen listings for the first time.

Plans for the 2006 International Show in Washington, D.C. are beginning to firm up. A commitment for frames is in the works and we are likely to share table space with the folks from COPAPHIL.

Tom Brougham outlined the status of the 2005 CZSG Mail Sale, which is proceeding nicely.

Irwin Gibbs reported on his upcoming publication which will be about CZ postal stationery #U9 and its seemingly limitless printing varieties.

David Leeds showed a hot-off-the-press copy of *AAMC Volume III*. This

book contains the listings of essentially all the history of Canal Zone Aerophilately.

Do you remember from your younger days, machines set up in dime stores and such which would give you 36¢ worth of gummed US postage for 50¢? Gary Weiss explored the possibility that some privately made up strips or booklets of Scott Canal Zone #117 were prepared in the Canal Zone for that purpose.

A lively Show 'n Tell followed but was somewhat shortened by the arrival of the group which had booked the meeting room for the time slot after ours. A good time was had by all.

Jim Crumpacker



LT. TO RT, SEATED:

Tom Brougham, Gary Weiss, Russ Samuels, David Leeds, & Wallace Craig.

STANDING:

Jim Crumpacker, Dick Bates, Jim Cross, Alan Harris, Ken Flagg, Irwin Gibbs, Jim Kloetzel, Dickson Preston, & Dick Salz

Lawson P. Entwistle 1910-2004

Lawson P. Entwistle passed away on the 23rd of December 2004 at the age of 94. His father, Claude T. Entwistle, was CZSG founding member number 5. Lawson was a mining engineer and spent much of his working life in Central and South America. He was an avid stamp collector specializing in the stamps of the Canal Zone. His book, *Canal Zone Postal Markings*, is the bible for the numerous and varied cancellation devices used in the Zone.

Amongst the lucky members of the CZSG, who had the privilege of knowing Lawson, they will remember the wonderful south-of-the-border luncheons he would prepare before the



CZSG meetings at ARIPEX in Tucson, Arizona.

The members of the CZSG extend their condolences to his wife Olga Maria. He will be greatly missed.

R. H. Salz

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NOTE:

Linn's Stamp News, Feb. 7, 2005 article on George Brett, was utilized as a source for the Brett obituary in the last *CZP*. The Editor regrets not noting this previously.

The Canal Zone Study Group Bylaws

Revision of The Canal Zone Study Group Bylaws

The Bylaws for the Canal Zone Study Group was published in the *Canal Zone Philatelist* No. 9, 4th qt. 1968. These bylaws were ratified on December 10, 1968 by an overwhelming majority of the votes cast.

It is apparent the CZSG Bylaws have done their job well as only a few sections have been changed throughout the years - Article V, Section 7 which was revised to simplify the accounting procedure (CZP 28, 3rd qt. 1973), Article II, Section 7 which details rules for formation of CZSG chapters (CZP 20, 3rd qt. 1971); and Article IX, Section 1 which provides for disposition of assets under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (CZP 32, 3rd qt. 1974).

This year we are asking our members to approve two changes to the Bylaws; The first is to make the annual dues of membership and contributing membership flexible. As the Bylaws are written today, the CZSG has to change the Bylaws through an election anytime a dues increase is necessary. The present Bylaws define the annual membership dues to be the same as it was in 1968, \$5, although it has been \$8 for some time. This revision will let the Executive Committee change these rates without having to change the Bylaws. This revision is made in Article II, Section 3 and Article VII, Section 3.

The second change is to allow the President to appoint an officer of the CZSG, as a Mail Sale Manager, and for the Sale Manager to be granted permission to open a bank account for the Mail Sale in the name of the CZSG. In the past, our Sale Managers would usually open an account under their own names. It has been pointed out to us that if the Sale funds were in the name of the Manager then the Manager could be audited by the IRS. Likewise if something should happen to the Manager, for example death, divorce or bankruptcy, before all of the sellers had been paid, the funds could be frozen or could be attached by a 3rd party to the detriment of the CZSG. The changes in Article VII reflect the need for the Sale Manager to be able to open a CZSG Mail Sale account.

Article VII will now not only cover Publications but also Mail Sales. Section 4 outlines the reasons that we have a Mail Sale and that the President, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, will appoint the Manager. The Manager will also be an Officer of the CZSG. Section 5 authorizes the Sale Manager to open a bank account in the name of the CZSG to receive and disburse funds.

The revised Bylaws are show below with the revisions in **bolded** and the parts modified "crossed out"

David. T. Zemer CZSG President

CZSG Bylaws

Article I – Name and Purpose

Section 1. The organization shall be called the Canal Zone Study Group; hereafter referred to as CZSG.

Section 2. The organization shall promote the collecting and study of philately and postal history of the Canal Zone and the Isthmus of Panama, including relevant aspects of interoceanic transport and communications.

Article II – Membership

Section 1. Membership shall be open to any person of good character presenting satisfactory references subject to rules and regulations established by the Executive Committee. Members in good standing upon the adoption of these Bylaws are automatically continued as such.

Section 2. Membership is not transferable.

Section 3. Annual dues for regular members shall be ~~\$5~~ levied on a calendar year basis at the **rate determined by the Executive Committee**. Any member paying annual dues ~~\$10~~ at an additional **rate, determined by the Executive Committee**, or more shall be listed as a Contributing member. Members in arrears shall be dropped from the rolls after 90 days. Resignations shall be accepted but no refund of dues will be made.

Section 4. Reinstatement applications shall be accepted and the original membership number reassigned provided all dues in arrears are paid from the time membership was allowed to terminate.

Section 5. Membership is subject to termination by the Executive Committee upon good cause being shown. Such action will follow a proper showing of unsatisfactory relations with other philatelists, failure to answer official correspondence failure to maintain a credit standing and similar activities reflecting adversely on the stature of the other members and on the organization itself. Any member expelled from membership may file with the Secretary within 30 days a notice of appeal to the Board of Directors whose decision shall be final.

Section 6. Honorary membership, without payment of dues, may be granted by the Board of Directors subject to conditions and privileges established by the Board.

Section 7. Groups of at least five members in good standing may form a chapter. For official acceptance the Secretary shall be notified of the name, if any, together with meeting dates, and a list of members.

If the required minimum number of members has been met the Secretary shall assign a chapter number in chronological order, beginning with one, and notify the new chapter accordingly. Each chapter shall advise the Secretary of their membership as of January 1st of each year and if they fail to do so, or their membership falls below five for at least a year, they shall be stricken from the chapter list.

Article III – Meetings

Section 1. Formal annual business meetings are not established. All official business of the CZSC will be conducted in accordance with these Bylaws by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors, as appropriate. A mail ballot shall be taken when the approval of the membership is required.

Article IV – Officers

Section 1. The officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Directors-at-large, who shall collectively comprise the Board of Directors, each serving without salary.

Section 2. Members, of the Board of Directors shall hold office for a two-year period starting January 1 of each year ending with an even number.

Section 3. Vacancies in any of the elective offices (by resignation, disability, death, etc.) may be temporarily filled by the Executive Committee until the next regular election is held and the duly elected successors take office on the appropriate January 1 following.

Article V – Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President, Vice President and the Secretary shall comprise an Executive Committee charged with the responsibility of handling the business affairs of the CZSG and shall take any action not otherwise provided for in these Bylaws, including the approval of expenditures and matters affecting the general well being of the CZSG.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall pass upon general policy matters as well as anything of an overall nature that may be referred to it by the Executive Committee. In turn, the Board may assign specific duties, not otherwise provided for, to the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The Directors-at-large shall act as representatives of the CZSG and shall perform such duties as assigned to them by the President.

Section 4. The President shall appoint such committees he deems necessary to develop the CZSG and to promote the assembly and publication of information. He shall take any needed executive action and otherwise act for the best interests of the CZSG. He shall call upon the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, and the members at large for assistance in promoting the aims and purposes of the organization.

Section 5. The Vice President shall act in the place of the President when necessary, including any specific designation by the President to do so.

Section 6. The Secretary shall maintain the business office of the CZSG and shall handle all routine business, including the receipt and processing of membership applications. He shall act as secretary of all meetings of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors and shall bring to their attention, or that of the President as appropriate, any matters on which action is necessary. The Secretary shall maintain the records of the CZSG, including but not limited to the membership lists and official minutes.

Section 7. The Treasurer shall receive and account for all funds of the CZSG. He shall establish and maintain such checking and savings accounts as may be needed.

The Treasurer may disburse funds of the CZSG, as its business may require or upon request of any other officer or of the editor or upon presentation of an invoice approved by one of them. If the Treasurer questions the propriety of any disbursement so authorized, he may submit the matter to the Executive Committee for approval.

The Treasurer shall render an annual accounting for all funds, and his records shall be subject to audit whenever directed by the Executive Committee.

Article VI – Elections

Section 1. The election of officers shall be conducted by mail ballot with each member in good standing entitled to one vote. The member receiving the highest number of votes cast for each office shall be deemed elected.

Section 2. At least 120 days before the end of his term of office, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee. This committee shall submit the names of at least two nominees for each office, if possible, and must certify to the Secretary when transmitting the same that all nominees have agreed, to serve it elected. To assist the Nominating Committee, any qualified member may be placed in nomination by the signatures of at least ten (10) members in good standing providing such nomination reaches the committee on or before November 1 of the election year.

Section 3. The Secretary shall prepare the official ballot and shall cause it to be mailed to each member in good standing not later than November 15 of the election year. A Board of Elections appointed by the President shall tally the votes received on or before December 15 and shall certify the results to the Secretary who will duly announce the names of the new officers prior to their assumption of office on January of the even year following.

Article VII – Publications AND MAIL SALES

Section 1. The CZSG shall publish its own magazine, *The Canal Zone Philatelist*, which shall be sent to every member in good standing. The Editor of *The Canal Zone Philatelist* shall be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The CZSG shall publish or reprint such other material as is appropriate to its mission, subject to approval by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. All publications of the CZSG, including back issues of *The Canal Zone Philatelist*, shall be offered for sale by the Secretary at prices established by the Executive Committee. Libraries and others who cannot qualify as members, such as organizations and corporations, may subscribe to *The Canal Zone Philatelist* at the rate determined by the Executive Committee. Members may obtain a second copy of the magazine at the rate determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The CZSG shall hold periodic mail sales of Canal Zone philatelic and related material to make material available to members and others for research and educational purposes and to support the educational publications of the CZSG. The Sale Manager shall be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The appointed Sale Manager shall be an officer of the CZSG but shall not be a member of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. In order to conduct such mail sales, the Sale Manager is authorized to maintain a bank account in the name of the CZSG, to contract for services, and to receive and disburse funds. The accounts of the Sale Manager shall be subject to the review of the Treasurer and the Sale Manager shall provide periodic reports to the Treasurer and to the Board of Directors.

Article VIII – Amendments

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended at any regular biennial election of the CZSG by a majority of the eligible votes cast. Proposed changes shall be submitted in writing not later than July 1 of the election year to the Secretary, with justification therefore, over the signature of at least ten (10) members in good standing. The proposed change or changes must then be submitted by the Secretary for publication in the issue of *The Canal Zone Philatelist* immediately preceding the mailing of the ballots. This presentation should discuss the issues so that the membership may be fully informed. The ballot for amendment(s) shall accompany the ballot for officers with the Board of Elections certifying the results to the Secretary who in turn shall cause the official announcement to be published in the next issue of *The Canal Zone Philatelist*.

Article IX – Disposition of Assets

Section 1. Upon the dissolution of the CZSG, the Executive Committee shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the CZSG, dispose of all of the assets of the CZSG exclusively for the purposes of the CZSG in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) as the Executive Committee shall determine.

CZ WWII Airborne Units

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the 501st PIB was sent to the Zone in June 1941 in order to provide parachute support to the Panama Canal Department. Figure 1 shows a 1942 censored cover from the 501st PIB stationed at Howard Field/Ft Kobbe on the western side of the Canal. This made the 501st PIB both the first parachute unit formed and the first to serve outside the continental United States.

In July 1941, the 550th Infantry Airborne Battalion was organized at Howard Field in the Canal Zone. It was initially organized to be neither parachute nor glider trained but rather an air-landed infantry unit based on the German model that was employed during the air assault on Crete. By mid-1943 the 550th was redeployed to the United States for extensive glider training, and further redeployed to the European Theater. Figure 2 shows a 1941 uncensored cover of Headquarters Company of the 550th mailed from Howard in the Canal Zone.

On 30 October 1942 the 501st PIB

minus "C" Company left Panama for Australia and combat in the Pacific. This means that covers of the 501st from the Canal Zone are not common.

The 551st Parachute Infantry Battalion was activated on 1 November 1942 in Panama. It replaced the 501st PIB (-). Following the fall of France to the Germans, there was a concern that the French island of Martinique might assist German U-boats in the Atlantic. Plans were drawn up for the 551st to make a surprise attack on the island and seize it, however, the plan was cancelled based on rapidly changing events. Figure 3 shows a cover of Headquarters Company of the 551st from APO 832 (Howard/Kobbe). It remained the major airborne unit in the Zone along with "C" Company of the 501st PIB. In August 1943, the 551st was deployed to Camp Mackall, North Carolina where it trained to join the 501st PIB and the 509th PIB for intensive precombat maneuvers at an airborne training center in Sicily, preparatory to assault into Southern France.

In the run-up to WWII, the US developed defense plans, identified as

the Rainbow Plans, which gave top priority to protecting the Continental United States, and then second protective priority to the Defense of the Panama Canal Area. Throughout the WWII period, there were only three airborne units assigned to defense of the Canal. They were assigned to provide rapid deployment capability in defense of the Canal and mobile support to the Caribbean Defense Command in its far-flung responsibilities throughout the Latin American region. Their significance to postal history collectors lies primarily in their size and period of time in the Zone. A World War II airborne battalion was about 500 troopers and each of these units served in the Canal Zone for a relatively short period of time. Though not rare, only 7 airborne covers have turned up in our Canal Zone postal history search. We are very interested in hearing from other collectors in this area. Please send information or comments to waynew@erols.com

* Retired Army paratrooper, Vietnam Vet, CSZG # 346.

** Active Army paratrooper, Desert Storm Vet.



Fig. 1 Cover from 501st PIB, Howard Field/Ft. Kobbe, 1942

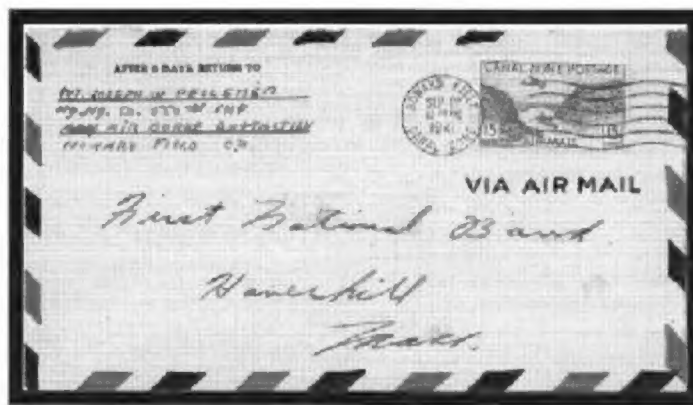


Fig. 2 Cover from 550th Headquarters, Howard Field, 1941

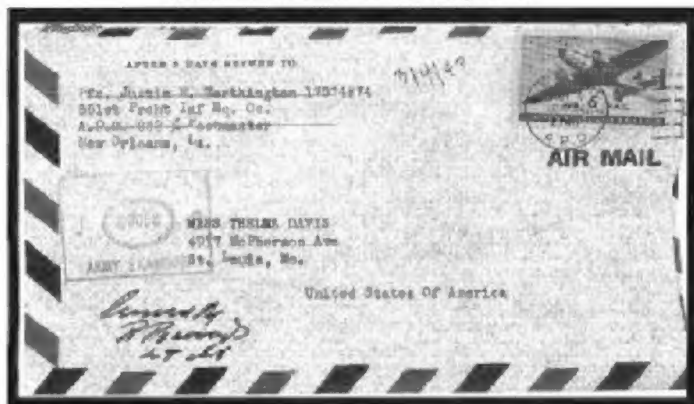


Fig. 3 APO 832 cover from 551st Headquarters, 1943.

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Auctions

By Jim Crumpacker

The first 2005 calendar quarter, Jan. 1-Mar. 31, was active and interesting for public offerings of Canal Zone Philately. Also included here are some results from a Shreve's auction in November of 2004 but not reported on previously by me.

Mentioned below are more than 25 of the more illuminative realizations. The first dollar amount is hammer price including commission and is followed by the 2005 Scott's Specialized valuation, in parenthesis.

1, used, VF \$440 (\$425) Shreves
 1, used, F-VF \$330 (\$425) Shreves
 1, strip of 3 on local cover, F-VF \$1045 (\$1500) Shreves
 1d, PANAMA reading down and up, used, VF \$770 (\$650) Shreves
 2, OG, H, F-VF \$297 (\$250) Harbour
 3, F-VF on VF local cover, La Boca 7/3/04 \$385 (\$325) Shreves
 3 var., Colon between right PANAMA and bar, VG on F folded cover, La Boca 7/12/04, \$468 (\$n/a) Shreves
 9d, double overprint, used, F but for a

damaged corner perf., \$1650 (\$1500) Shreves
 10b, L of CANAL sideways, used, corner creases and a thin, o/w VF \$1650 (\$2500) Shreves
 11b, bar at bottom, OG, H, F-VF \$242 (\$475) Shreves
 13c, PANAMA ovpt double, dried OG, H, VG-F in a pair w/ normal, \$798 (\$673) Shreves
 20c, "8 cts." omitted, dried OG, H, F w/ nat. sc, \$935 (\$800) Shreves
 22e, double overprint, OG, H, VF w/ margin \$264 (\$275) Harbour
 23c, double overprint, used, couple sl. short perfs. o/w VF+ \$495 (\$525) Shreves
 33a, double overprint, OG, H, F \$242 (\$375) Cherrystone
 39e, inverted center and overprint reading down, OG, H, VF \$825 (\$575) Shreves
 46b, double overprint. TG, H, VF \$286 (\$350) Harbour
 47, OG, H, VG \$1980 (\$3250) Cherrystone
 58, OG, H, VF \$209 (\$275) Harbour
 67, sl. dist. OG, H, F \$275 (\$500) Harbour
 71d, ZONE CANAL, OG, H, VF+ \$495

(\$500) HR Harmer
 81, OG, H, VF \$198 (\$225) Harbour
 86g, vertical pair, one w/o ovpt, other w/ inverted ovpt, OG, H, F-VF \$2640 (\$2250) Shreves
 97b, booklet pane of 6, OG, H, F \$286 (\$525) Harbour
 157a, bridge omitted, OG, NH, VF+ \$6188 (\$7500) Shreves
 C1, C3, C4 all F or better on Zeppelin First Flight card, VF Cristobal 5/15/30 via Havana, U.S. C13 added w/ NYC cancel, then on to Friedrichhafen. Sieger 64-III \$2200 (\$n/a) Cherrystone
 CO11, OG, H, F+ to VF, no cancel of any kind \$1595 (\$1250) HR Harmer

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 Addison, TX 75001

PHILATELIC SHOW 2005

By Alan P. Bentz

The Northeastern CZSG meeting was held on 30 April at Boxborough MA. After introductions, Alan Bentz read an E-mail from President David Zemer and outlined the proposed changes in the Bylaws that will be put on the next ballot. He also called attention to the eBay entry that David has for CZSG membership - updated with latest news.

Alan then described a visit to the Panama Canal Museum in Seminole FL and offered membership applications. He encouraged visits to the museum.

Bill Fall gave another of his interesting Power Point presentations on construction of the Panama Canal. It was entitled: (Technical Drawings of the Panama Canal). Bill, as in the past, generously provided some cacheted CZ-related covers canceled at the Show. One dated 19 April was franked with a Ronald Reagan stamp on the anniversary of his signing an Executive Order approving the offi-



Bill Fall, Michael Lupienski, Bill and Judy Conroy and George McHugh

cial seal of the Panama Canal Commission (with the seal as a cachet). The other was with a Chinese New Year stamp honoring the Chinese who had worked on the Panama Railroad (80% of whom died during the construction). These covers will be posted at CZSG.org for June Covers of the Month).

Ten people attended the meeting, including a number of new ones: Alan Bentz, Elliot Coleman, Bill and Judy Conroy, Mike Drabik, Bill Fall, Michael Lupienski, George McHugh, Richard Potter and David Smith.

During "Show and Tell", George McHugh showed his album pages.



Richard Potter, Dave Smith, Elliot Coleman and Mike Drabik

Bill Conroy showed some interesting stamp variants. One was overprinted with "POSTMASTER" on the diagonal. None of us had ever recalled seeing that. Bill Fall showed a 2006 calendar that he had made with the technical drawings from his talk, and had a display book of his cacheted covers. Dick Potter showed a Customs Card, and a letter signed by Gerald Bliss. [His son Curtis died in January in Florida]. Several members present had copies of CZ Scott #15. Richard Fawcett attended Boxboro, but showed up just as the CZSG meeting was breaking up.

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